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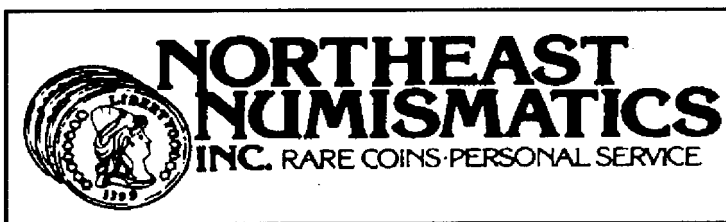
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President's Comments

by William Harkins



I would like to start by thanking you our members for your support through your membership and donations to our programs. This is your organization. In order to make it successful we need your participation whether you fill a vacancy on our board, submit a news article, place an exhibit, bring a child to our Y.N Program or just drop by the club table during one of our events and say hello. I am also asking our members and clubs to promote our organization and help bring in new members.

Last year we contracted with the Newman Numismatic Portal to have our archives stored and posted to their site and reported that several boxes of materials were sent and now posted. We also posted an appeal in the March 2019 issue of our newsletter for past issues of the NENA News and Convention programs that were missing from our archives. As a result of our appeal member Richard Bushnell contacted our archivist and Vice President Yale Lansky and arranged to meet at Yale's house where he dropped off a large donation of materials for our archives. The archives belonged to Richard's father Fred M. Bushnell who was very active with NENA especially in the 1950's where he served on various committees and during the elections in 1954 he was elected to the position of President serving as the 1955 Conference Chairman. We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Bushnell for the generous donation. If you have any of the older issues of the newsletters or convention programs that you would like to donate or share with us please contact Yale Lansky by email at Yale.lansky@outlook.com.

On Saturday, April 20th, the New England Numismatic Association held a number of events in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo, April 19-20th. Our activities included a Y.N. Program, Exhibits and Club Table. The Y.N. Program headed by Richard Hand Jr. with assistance from Donat Charron, Jen Reynolds, Chris Sobiesiak, Diane Zuck and Richard Ziegler attracted more than forty Young Numismatist and parents resulting in a very successful event.

Our exhibits gallery featured five exhibits including a three case exhibit highlighting NENA's past and present activities. There was also an

exhibit highlighting fancy serial numbers on United States paper money; a one case exhibit titled "Going to Hell" Michigan that is, featuring elongated coins; a one case exhibit highlighting a twelfth century Ming Dynasty Banknote and a one case exhibit on "Error Coins".

Plans are now being made for our 75th, Conference and Convention. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 5th, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo, October 4-5, 2019 at the Double Tree by Hilton, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, N.H. Plans include the John Kittredge Young Numismatist Program sponsored by NENA and the Kittredge Foundation. Other highlights of the Convention will include Educational Presentations, Exhibits, What is it Table and our Annual Meeting that will include the election of officers.

For additional information pertaining to our activities, Club listings and announcements

please visit our website at www.nenacoin.org. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we may better serve you, please let us know. You may email me at williamharkins@comcast.net or by mail NENA, P.O. Box 2061, Woburn, MA 01888.

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Bargain/Junk Boxes Are Not To Be Scorned

By: Frederick Liberatore

NENA at the Manchester, NH Coin Show of Nov 9/10, 2018 had a box of assorted tokens, medals, awards etc. which were made of brass, zinc, copper, pot metal and the like. It was not a promising place to find anything interesting which is what my initial perusal indicated. Later, I came back and looked again and spotted an odd looking item in a small plastic bag. It looked like a piece of Chinese odd and curious money I had seen images of but it was too small. It is bronze, about 1.5 inches long x 3/4 inches wide and about 1/8 inch thick. The piece weighed in at 15.5 grams. The back is smooth and the front has really odd characters of ancient Chinese script. It almost looks like a little man with a head and split for the legs.



A fellow Worcester Coin Club member, and avid collector of odd and curious money, verified it as a piece of Ancient Chinese hoe money which sent me on a search for more information about this find. My catalogs had little information but the Calgary Coin and Antique Gallery had an excellent summary of known information and even priced similar pieces. The piece of hoe money I had picked out was likely made from about 400-255BC during the warring states period somewhat south of the Yellow River possibly in the Shantung Peninsula. Officially a shu weighed 0.65 grams and 24 shu equaled 1 liang or jin which a character on the coin appears to be. The predicted weight would be 15.6 grams, my piece weighed in at 15.5 grams. There was also an indication that many pieces had a shu weight of 0.5 grams with a jin or liang weight of 12 grams. The leads me to suspect my find is early in the issue of this type of money by having a nearly full weight. Inflation and mint seignorage trimmed the weight by about 25 %.

I would estimate the retail value of the piece to be around \$60-75 which makes it quite a junk box find and gave me a day of Happy

Collecting. 🦋
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F.A. Liberatore

Who was I. N. Gulick?

By: Kevin G. Lafond

Shortly after the outbreak of the Spanish American War in April 1898, the United States found it needed internment locations for Spanish prisoners-of-war. One such location was Seavey's Island at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth Harbor. Camp Long, named for Secretary of the Navy John Long (1838-1915), was established in July 1898. The camp was closed in mid-September 1898 and the prisoners returned to Spain.



Colonel James Forney, commander of the marine barracks and Camp Long, stated in his report to the commandant of the Marine Corps:

On the 11th of July, 1898, I received from the U.S.S. St. Louis 692 Spanish prisoners, 10 officers and 682 men and on the 16th of July I received 963 Spanish prisoners, 2 officers and 961 men, from the U.S.S. Harvard.

Many of the prisoners, when they landed, were in a sick and enfeebled condition, a number of them falling down and being unable to move until picked up and placed in an ambulance, in which they were carried either to the camp or to the naval hospital.

I found upon my arrival here that the buildings being erected for the prisoners were entirely inadequate for the purpose and, upon my representation to Admiral Carpenter, the Commandant of this navy-yard, he authorized other buildings to be built from time to time, and finally accommodated all of the prisoners comfortably.



Spanish prisoners at Camp Long

I also recommended that water-closets be put over the river and that other buildings be built, which recommendations were approved by the commandant of this navy-yard. The marine camp was located outside the stockade, and the marines to the number of 130 were quartered there.

They had a large building to sleep in and another to mess in. The marine officers had a building of their own, situated on the highest point of Seavey's Island, where I also had quarters. A

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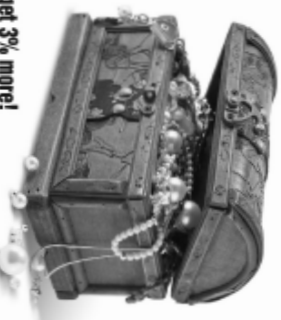
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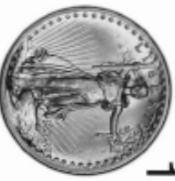
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flagstaff was erected in front of these quarters and a flag hoisted at the regular times, a sunset gun being placed there and fired at sunrise and sunset, which regulated the camp into a regular military encampment.

At the northeastern part of the stockade I had a guardhouse built for 50 marines, and 14 cells built for refractory Spanish prisoners. On this part of the island I discovered a well that had been covered up with rock and dirt, which, upon cleaning out, I found to contain most excellent water.

On the northeastern side of the island I laid aside a plot of ground for a graveyard for the prisoners who have died, and have had their graves marked so that they can be identified at any time. I gave all the dead military funerals, as I considered that, being prisoners of war, they were entitled to it. I have had three volleys fired over their graves, the Spanish flag wrapped around their coffins, and a Catholic priest to read the services.

I named the camp "Camp Long" after the honorable Secretary of the Navy.

The discipline of the camp has been most excellent in every respect. I was compelled to confine some of the prisoners from time to time for breaking the rules of the camp, but the offenses were at no time of a very serious nature.

The system adopted of marching the prisoners down in three columns of twos to take their meals from the three tables near the pavilion worked well, the men coming up in single file and taking their food in a bowl and plate and then going inside the pavilion where I corralled them with sentinels.

Seavey's Island, upon which the camp is situated, is rocky, hilly, and rough, with bold ledges of rock running up to a considerable elevation, displaying the finest views of the river and harbor. The officers' building is situated over the most dangerous point, Pull-and-be-damned Point. The camp is at one end of the island, surrounded on one side by a stockade of boards 10 feet high, outside of which, at a distance of 20 feet, is a high barbed wire fence. Sentry boxes are at each angle, and there are twelve sentinels inside the camp, patrolling along the dead line, the prisoners' quarters, sinks, and pavilion.

Every facility is given the prisoners to wash their clothes, and on the river side down the steep slope to the swiftly running tides they were allowed to wash their dishes and apparel. The thirteen Spanish officers were paroled from 8 a.m. until sunset each day. They never broke their parole, always coming back on time, and were a great service to me in managing the prisoners.

The Spanish commissioned officers have a separate house of their own and have servants from the prisoners to wait on them. They have much better fare than the rest of the prisoners, and claret wine is served to them. I have given them all the respect and assistance due their rank, and I feel that they have appreciated it. I utilized them by putting them on duty as officer of the day, assisting in the policing, and looking out for the buildings; and they have fully cooperated and assisted in carrying out the routine of the camp with my own officers.

I had 36 warrant officers, consisting of engineers, sergeants of marines, etc., put in a separate building, with a mess table of their own and bunks to sleep on instead of hammocks. The 125 petty officers from the different ships I had kept together in a building separate from the rest. All the prisoners I had divided up into ships' companies according to their respective ships, and had the 10 buildings lettered A, B, C, etc.

The sick prisoners at the naval hospital were from the Maria Teresa, Vizcaya, and Oquendo. They suffered from insufficient nutriment and a pernicious malarial fever. Some of the crew of the Cristobal Colon were convicts from the Canary Islands, but they did not give me any trouble. The prisoners all had fresh beef, coffee, fish, butter, hash, etc.

There were 6 Gatling guns kept ready at all times, 2 in the immediate vicinity of the camp, 2 more, which commanded the entire camp and the whole island, on the reservoir, and 2 others at the two bridges leading from the ship-yard to Seavey's Island. Cossack guards were kept at these guns day and night, 120 men at Camp Long and 100 men at the navy-yard barracks.

There was a system of signals arranged between the camp and the navy-yard barracks by rockets, and there was telephone connection between the two places, making security doubly sure in case of an outbreak among the prisoners.

Camp Long assumed historical importance in the Spanish war and was visited by thousands of people, who were always received courteously and given every attention. The orders had to be very strict in regard to actually going inside the camp, and the exceptions were very rare in this respect.

Admiral Cervera² visited the camp on the 15th of August and received a cordial reception from his men and from the people of Portsmouth, as well as those in the adjacent country, who flocked to see him during his visit. The paymaster who accompanied him paid out about \$35,000 to the Spanish prisoners.

Of importance to our story, and to token collectors, Colonel Forney continues with:

I established a store inside the camp that was ably managed by Mrs. Ida N. Gulick, the post trader, where the prisoners could obtain small stores at a fixed price (a list of prices is herewith enclosed), which added greatly to their comfort and benefit..... A list of prices at the store within the stockade is enclosed, marked F.

Price list of things in shop at Camp Long, August 30, 1898.

Cents.	Cents.		
Blackening brushes.....	25	Pens.....	5
Dressing combs.....	15	Sheet of paper and envelope.....	1
Looking glasses.....	15	Towels.....	20
Toothbrushes.....	15	Pies.....	5
Tooth powder.....	25	Doughnuts.....	1
Tooth powder, small.....	10	Chocolate bars.....	10
Locks.....	25	Marshmallows.....	5
Matches.....	5	Bananas.....	
Cigars.....	10	Oranges.....	
Cigars.....	5	Peaches.....	
Cigarettes.....	5	Candy.....	
Cigarette paper.....	5	Suspenders.....	
Cheroots.....	10	Undershirts.....	25
Tobacco (paper).....	5	Socks.....	35
Pipes, corn cob.....	5	Condensed milk.....	
Shoe blacking.....	5	Eggs.....	
Shoe strings.....	5	Handkerchiefs.....	
Whisk brooms.....	15	Ginger ale.....	5
Toilet soap.....	10	Lemon soda.....	5
Ink.....	5	Sarsaparilla.....	5
Penholders.....	10	Chocolate.....	5

So, who was Mrs. Ida N. Gulick? She was the widow of a recently deceased marine Captain.

Ida Newton (1851-1922) married Princeton, New Jersey native, 2nd Lieutenant Louis Johnson Gulick (1850-1896) in February 1876. He had joined the Marine Corps in June 1874. Together, they traveled the world, spending time at different duty stations including Florence, Italy, Boston, MA, New York, NY, and Washington DC.

In April 1889, Louis contracted malaria in Panama. The following month, he was transferred from the U.S.S. Mohican in Payta, Peru to the naval hospital in New York, NY. It appears that Louis recovered sufficiently to return to active duty. He died seven years later and was buried first at Naval City, Annapolis, MD and reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery in 1922 when Ida died.

They had two sons, Louis Mason Gulick (1879-1933) and William Newton Gulick (1881-1932). Like his father, Louis joined the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Colonel and serving in the Philippines during the Spanish war, Nicaragua, where he was awarded the Nicaragua Medal of Merit, France during the First World War, and finally Beijing, China. He was awarded the Navy Cross by President Hoover and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

After Louis' death, Ida served as the post trader at Camp Long and three years later, married Dr. Alexander Fitzhugh Magruder (1848-1937), a retired Lieutenant Commander (USN) and also a widower. They summered at his house, the Gambrill Estate in Araby of Frederick Junction, MD and spent the winters at her house in Washington DC.

In her will, Ida left all cash on deposit and two \$50 liberty bonds to her son, William Newton Gulick, her clothes, jewelry and personal to her two daughters-in-law, and her real estate, furniture, silver, etc., to Dr. Magruder for his use, and after his death, to her two sons.

As for the tokens, only a handful have (5-10) been reported and some have traded in excess of \$200. 📌

(Footnotes)

1 Taken from

“Report of Commanding Officer Marine Barracks And Camp Long, Portsmouth, N. H. Relating to Spanish Prisoners,” by Colonel James Forney dated August 26, 1898 and included in *Annual Reports of the Navy Department for the year 1898, Report of the Secretary of the Navy, Miscellaneous Reports* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1898), p. 852 - 854.

(Note: paragraphs not applicable to the prisoners have been excluded).

2 Admiral Pascual Cervera (1839-1909).

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The New England Numismatic Association is seeking exhibits for our 75th, Conference and Convention. The exhibit competition will take place on Saturday October 5th, 2019 at the Double Tree by Hilton/Manchester Downtown Hotel, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH.

In this issue of NENA News we have included the Exhibit Rules and Application. The Application needs to be filled out letting the Exhibit Coordinator (s) know the time of arrival one is going to set up the exhibit. All exhibitors have a deadline to fill out and send an application with the title and numismatic area of exhibiting, and the Exhibits have to be set up by a certain time so that cases can be locked and judged. An exhibit would consist of a title, numismatic items and usually but not necessarily numismatic information. Numismatic information usually enhances an exhibit especially if the exhibiting is to be competitive with judging. On request NENA will provided the use of display cases if needed.

Awards will be presented based on the overall rating of the Judges. The Best of Show award will be presented to the exhibit which has the highest overall rating and will receive a plaque and a prize award of a 1/10 ounce gold Eagle. Second and Third Place will receive an engraved plaque and a 1oz. Silver Eagle.

The People's Choice Award will be decided by ballots cast by exhibit viewers and will receive an engraved plaque and a 1oz. Silver Eagle.

Junior Applicants under age 18 will also be eligible to receive a Y.N. Award Plaque for First, Second or Third Place. In addition they will also receive a numismatic prize.

Everyone has expertise in some collecting area, so if you are looking for a way to share this then exhibiting can be a wonderful way of doing it. NENA is always looking for people to set up and display an exhibit. If you have never set up an exhibit before notify NENA and we can help you. It is always a great learning experience.

For more information including rules and application see website (www.nenacoin.org) or request a hard copy by mail:

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Exhibit Rules and Application
New England Numismatic Association
75th, Conference and Convention
Saturday, October 5th, 2019

EXHIBITORS

All Members of NENA in good standing and who submit a standard NENA exhibit application at least two (2) weeks prior to the conference date will be eligible to exhibit. NENA reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit.

CATEGORIES

Categories are:

- United States Coins
- Foreign Coins
- Ancients (before 1300) and Medieval
- Paper Money
- Tokens and Medals
- Beauty
- Miscellaneous (items not covered by above)
- Junior (under age 18 [any material])

Exhibits are Competitive and Non-Competitive:

An Exhibitor may enter only one competitive exhibit. Non-Competitive exhibits will be accepted on a space-available basis at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman. The Exhibitor will designate the exhibit category on the application; however, the Exhibit Chairman, after conferring with the Exhibitor, may transfer the exhibit to a different category.

SPACE

A non-competitive exhibit may comprise up to three (3) cases. Other conditions for competitive exhibits apply. No special locations, electrical connections, lights or special gimmicks will be permitted. NENA will provide supplemental lighting for all exhibits, if necessary.

MATERIAL

All material shall be the property of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors shall not violate any government regulation. Forged, spurious or counterfeit material in an exhibit for educational purposes shall be clearly identified as such.

SETUP/REMOVAL

Exhibits may be set up between 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, October 4th, and between 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 5th. Exhibits must be set up prior to 10 A.M. on Saturday, October 5th, 2019. Exhibits may not be removed until after the awards presentation. Exhibits must be removed before 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 5th. All materials shall be prepared, set up, and removed by the Exhibitor unless prior arrangements have been made in writing with the Exhibit Chairman, to appoint one person as agent for the purpose of set-up, removal, and acceptance of any award bestowed on the Exhibitor.

SECURITY

All Exhibitors will lock their cases in the presence of the Exhibit Chairman. Once the case is locked, it can not be opened by the Exhibitor until the exhibit is removed.

LIABILITY

The New England Numismatic Association, the Convention Committee, EBW Promotions, LLC, including employees and contractors and/or the Meeting Facility, shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to Exhibitors or their property from any cause whatsoever, prior, during, or subsequent to the period of the Convention. The Exhibitor expressly releases the above named entities from, and agrees to indemnify same and hold harmless against any and all claims from such loss, damage, or injury.

Exhibit Application
New England Numismatic Association
75th, Conference and Convention
Saturday, October 5th, 2019

Name: _____

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TITLE OF EXHIBIT: _____

Category (Please Check One):

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coins	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Coins	<input type="checkbox"/> Beauty
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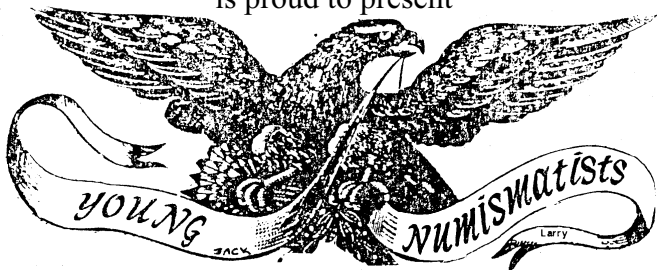
- YN Program 10AM - 12:30PM, Saturday, Oct 5th,
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- Annual Meeting 3:00 PM, October 5th
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Cracker Jack Mystery Club

by: Ed Brozyna




The images above are obverse and reverse of a cancelled Abraham Lincoln Cracker Jack token found while metal detecting, also known as “coin shooting” to those involved in the hobby. The hole was punched as a way to cancel the token before sending it back to the owner. The third image is of a pristine example of the same token, uncanceled.

Just about everyone at one time or other has eaten a box of Cracker Jacks and eagerly looked inside for the prize that was included. The company that was to become Cracker Jack was started up by the Rueckheim brothers, immigrants from Germany. They were not the first to introduce a molasses covered popcorn snack but were the first to develop a way to keep the kernels from sticking to the other kernels in the box. They first introduced their snack to the public at the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair. The snack was quite popular with the fairgoers which encouraged the brothers to market their product to the general public. In 1896 the product was registered along with their slogan, “The More You eat, The More You Want”. Toy prizes were first put into the boxes in 1912 and consisted mainly of baseball cards and toys which were mostly rings, plastic figurines and stickers. Sailor Jack and his dog Bingo were introduced in 1916 and became a registered trademark in 1919. In 1922 the company officially changed the name to “Cracker Jack”. Until 1937 most of the prizes were made in Japan but deteriorating relations with that country and eventually the war brought change to where the prizes were made. During World War II all prizes were made of paper because metal was needed for the war effort.

In 1933 the Cracker Jack Company launched a promotion

called the “Cracker Jack Mystery Club”. Instead of the usual toy surprise, an aluminum token bearing the portrait of one of the U.S. presidents was included, starting with Washington and ending with FDR (Roosevelt) who was president at the time. Each token listed some general information about the President on the token along with his portrait. To become a member of the Mystery Club you had to send in TEN tokens and in return would receive a certificate proclaiming you as a member of the club along with a small gift and your ten tokens. To avoid having the tokens redeemed a second time they were either marked, “cancelled” or had a hole punched in them.

Soon after the program was introduced, the number of tokens required for membership was reduced to THREE and then shortly after that the tokens needed were increased to FIVE. The promotion was discontinued in 1936. The Borden Company bought Cracker Jack in 1964 after beating out the Frito-Lay company in a bidding war. In 1997 Frito-Lay bought the company from Borden and in 2016 stopped putting a prize inside the box.

While some people derive pleasure studying the various coins they obtain for their specific collections, I get pleasure searching for whatever the earth may give up to my metal detector. It could be a coin, a piece of jewelry or a long forgotten token such as the piece described. The enjoyment derived comes from the research performed to establish the story behind the object found. 

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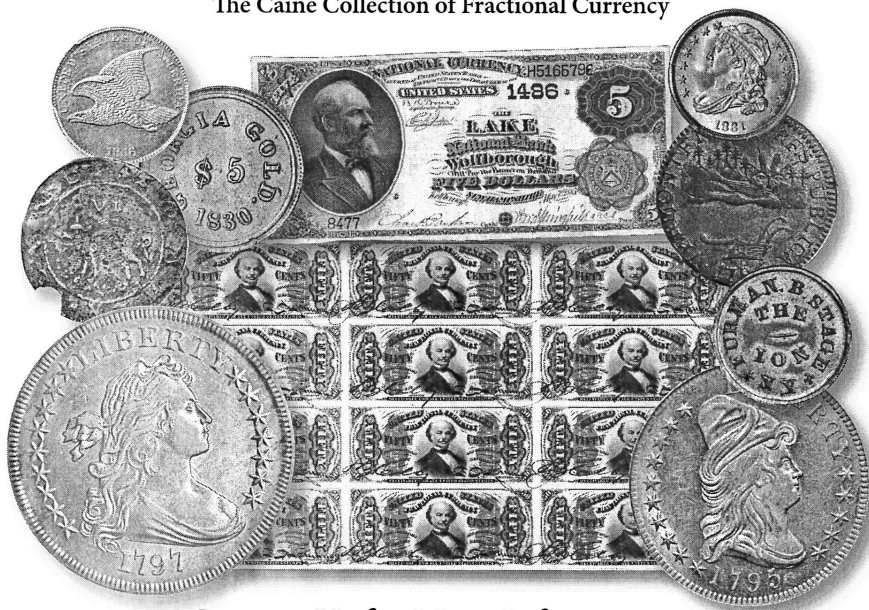
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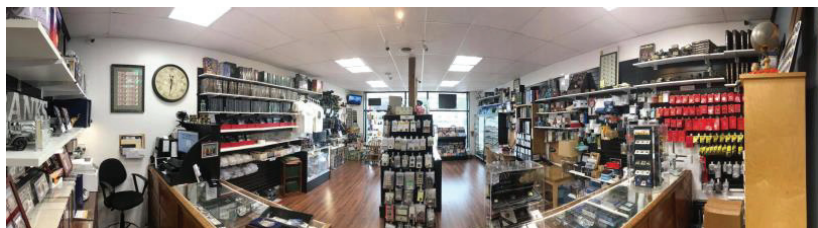


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Often Said – Seldom Done

By: Dennis Fortier

Buy the key's first is often repeated advice that is seldom employed. This article was born out of a conversation with Bill Bugert. In the conversation, soon after my winning an 1878-S Liberty Seated Half Dollar at auction, Bill said, "Everyone says buy the key's first but nobody ever does"—you actually did it!" As editor of the Gobrecht Journal, Bill wanted an article about my experiences accomplishing this achievement.

When I began collecting Liberty Seated Half Dollars thirteen years ago I never set out to complete a set of half dollars. My goal at the time was much more modest. I simply wanted to learn as much as possible about the series and collect as many rare dates and varieties as I could. The 1878-S alone would make a complete set an impossibility, as I'm sure most collectors of the series will agree. As such, I considered myself a variety/die marriage collector of the series. I never expected to be able to finish the series so I thought I could build an interesting collection in an alternative way.

Dick Osburn's article "An Analysis of Rarity and Population Estimates for Liberty Seated Half Dollars," GJ #76, Nov 1999, gave advice on collecting this long series. In it Dick suggests collecting by mintmark, thus breaking this daunting series down into smaller bites. I found this to be good advice to a point. I chose to focus on small groupings of scarce issues at a time. This sort of focus helped keep me on track to do what I and many others thought nearly unattainable. I still have many less difficult holes to fill but what is left is much easier. The heavy lifting is done.

A word about collecting Liberty Seated Half Dollars on a budget: Most of us have budgetary constraints to deal with, and some are more restrictive than others. I wrote two articles, "Underrated San Francisco Half Dollar Gems" GJ#104, March 2009, and "Building a Short Set of Carson City Half Dollars on a Budget", GJ#110, March 2011. Though I didn't know it at the time these two articles laid out what would become my philosophy for collecting half dollars and paved the way for my entire series strategy

Underrated issues like those in my 2009 article became an initial objective for me. The 1856-S, 1857-S, and 1873-S were early favorites of mine. Their lower mintages, scarcity, and modest prices (at the time) were intriguing. Next the challenge of the CC's called to me. While not cheap I was reasonably sure they would not get any less expensive as time went on so there was no point in waiting. Completing the ten coin set of Carson City coins took six years of searching for quality examples with the 1871-CC surprisingly being the toughest to locate with a pleasing appearance.

After completing the Carson City sub-set I wanted to fill in some more of the San Francisco issues I had sidestepped previously; the 1855-S, 1858-S, 1874-S, and 1875-S micro S were the objective this time. The 1858-S presented an interesting challenge as I felt many were over priced for their rarity. In due course I found one in an old NGC fatty holder at an attractive price.

Along the way as opportunities presented themselves I acquired certain scarce issues and varieties that most would feel required for a complete collection. Additionally as a variety/die marriage collector I've always had my attention drawn to rare die marriages. As any Seated collector knows, when a scarce coin crosses your path you must make every effort to add it to your collection. 35% of my collection comprises R-5 or higher die varieties.

2016 it occurred to me that retirement was only a few short years away. There were some expensive coins I still needed for my collection; I called these my "someday coins." I thought if I didn't go after them now I might never be able to afford them. It took a bit of

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scrambling, some good fortune, as well as understanding dealers and friends but I made quick progress on the scarce early 1850's Philadelphia issues. This short run, 1850-1852, are all PCGS-45 CAC. I wish the rest of my collection matched as nicely as these three. As I was finishing this area of focus a club member/friend suggested I sell a few duplicate cherry picks and use the funds to go after something I needed. It was good advice, and I chose to follow it.

After selling the duplicates I had the money I needed to go after the two very rare varieties I still needed. The 1847/6 and 1873 No Arrows Open 3 were two big holes I needed to fill. As a variety collector I would not have felt my collection complete without them. The 1873 NA O3 came along in 2017 but the 1847/6 remained elusive.

Finally in early 2018 a fellow club member/ friend offered to sell me his 1847/6. He was concentrating on another series and wanted to move his interests in that direction. This fortunate purchase brought me to the point of completing all of the major dates and varieties of the half dollar series except for the 1878-S.

I see I haven't mentioned many issues that I acquired along the way these past thirteen years. There are some I would like to upgrade in time but upgrading will most likely have to wait with so many lesser holes yet to fill.

Some of my other better date/variety holdings are: 1840 (O) PCGS Fr-2 CAC (WB-12), 1841 PCGS-35 CAC, 1841-O BBDC PCGS-15 CAC, 1845 PCGS-45, 1846 TD PCGS-20, 1846-O TD G-4, 1849 DDD VG (cleaned), 1850-O PCGS-40 CAC (WB-16 Discovery coin), 1852-O AU (cleaned), 1855-S PCGS-3, 1858-S NGC-40 CAC, 1861-O PCGS-35 CAC (W-1a), 1861-O PCGS-30 (WB-103/104), 1865 DD G-4, 1865-S PCGS-40, 1866-S NM PCGS-30, 1868 NGC-40 CAC, 1874-S PCGS-35, 1875-S PCGS-4 CAC (micro S), 1876 PCGS-10 LG over SM date, 1876-S PCGS-15 T-2 Rev, 1877 PCGS-10 (WB-102), 1877-S PCGS-35 (WB-25 T- 1/2 Rev), 1877-S AU (cleaned, WB-39 second weird F Reverse die marriage - Discovery coin)



Fig 1: Obverse



Fig 2: Reverse

This brings me to the 1878-S, the key date of the half dollar series. With only a scant few coins I could possibly afford to invest in, the 1878-S seemed a coin I would never own. With this issue price is just one problem, opportunity is equally a big factor. However at the Long Beach Heritage sale in February 2018 an AG example (one of only two certified by PCGS) was up for auction. After consulting with Bill Bugert, and my wife, I made the decision to try for it. I chose to put my maximum bid in early to avoid being caught-up in over eagerness or last minute computer glitches. This proved to be a prudent choice. All that was left was to bite my nails down to the elbow.

A week before the auction went to live auctioneer bidding I was already at my maximum bid and I fully expected to be out bid by a cut bid at the end. As the bid came to the auction block I was stunned to see no bids come in and I won the coin. Then I was stunned again when I realized I had to pay for the coin; a coin of this magnitude is a game changer for me. We (my wife and I) had made our arraignments incase I won, but it's still a sobering moment to write a check like that for a coin. Later I learned that another club member put in a cut bid in at the last minute. He was in the middle of a flight when the bid came down and his bid never went thru. Sometimes providence lends a hand. —

I never set out to complete a set of Liberty Seated Half Dollars but having gone this far I now believe it not only possible but probable that I will, in time, complete the entire series. Buy the Keys first is a shrewd plan of action but it takes a good deal of restraint to stick to it. The temporary pleasure of adding a coin to your collection is difficult to resist; going home from a coin show without a single coin may be the hardest part. If you're on a tight budget, as I often am, it requires self-control to keep your cash for the really rare coin you're after.

Making small groups of rare issues a priority has brought me to a point I had not imagined possible. Searching out quality pieces that I could afford brought an added challenge where rare issues are involved. Without question the success I've had in building my collection was to a great extent aided by connections with other club members. Several of these difficult dates and

varieties found their way to me via other members. Duplicates or changed priorities freed some of these coins to become part of my collection.

The LSCC as a fraternal organization is a great resource for collectors to met and share. My involvement with the club has brought me into contact with many members around the country. The effort I have put forth on behalf of the club has been repaid many times over. The good people I have met in the club have been very beneficial to the building of my collection and my knowledge. For this reason I strongly urge all members' especially newer members to get involved with the club. I wish to thank the many club member/ friends I have come to know and who have taught me something about the series or helped me locate a rare coin along the way. I especially want to thank Bill Bugert for all his help and advice these many years. Bill is someone I am proud to call a friend. It is my hope that this narrative will inspire other collectors to challenge themselves and strive for a goal they thought beyond their reach. ✍

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Proof Half Dollars

Some Collecting Possibilities

By: Mark Benvenuto

When building new collections, we all like to go for the best of the best, there's no doubt about it. Yes, we'll take coins that have wear on them, or even some misuse or abuse – if we absolutely need that piece to complete some larger set. But given a choice, we will routinely choose the best. And for the past several decades, that means proof coins, at least when we are talking U.S. coinage. Let's look at some proofs then, specifically proof half dollars. Let's see what might be awaiting the smart collector.

Kennedy Halves

The Kennedy half dollar is one of a couple of circulating denominations that really doesn't see the light of day too much. We're hard-pressed to find a vending machine that will accept them. Cashiers at many stores look at them with a bit of confusion, as there really isn't any place to put them in a change drawer. Sometimes banks and credit unions don't even stock them. And yet these remain physically the biggest coin the United States Mint produces, a title it has held for almost sixty years.

The Mint had a proof coin program in place when the Kennedy half was first produced, back in 1964. The program was a mature one, and so there are plenty of 1964 proofs from which to choose, most of them still quite inexpensive. But in 1965 serious collectors must have thought that this was the end of a good thing, as that year became the first of a few in



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which no proofs at all were coined. But in 1968 proofs were once again for sale to the public, this time from the branch facility in San Francisco. And every year since, there have been at least a few million proofs all with that ‘S’ mint mark on them.

For anyone who wants to get serious about collecting proof Kennedys, well, these fifty-cent pieces are generally quite affordable. One can get by with spending only a few dollars per coin, although we could also go for the best of the best, and try for slabbed pieces in grades such as PF-68 or even PF-69. The decision is up to each one of us.

Another decision that we now get to make is whether or not to go for proofs that have silver in them. It was 1992 when the fine folks in charge decided that there would be silver proofs as well as what we might call regular proofs, meaning those made with the same alloy as those meant for circulation. The silver proofs do cost more, simply because of the precious metal in them. But they too are generally common, and aren’t obscenely expensive. And this means a person can have two proofs of the same year, the only difference being their metal composition.

Franklins

Half dollars appear to have been used more frequently back when it was Ben Franklin who graced the obverse – or at least it seems that way based on the number that are still out there with some significant wear on them. But there are also quite a few proof Franklin halves that a person can acquire for any growing collection of these big guys.



Curiously, the modern proof coin offerings, or the modern proof program, can be said to have started in 1950, the third year of the Franklin half dollars. There are no proofs for 1948 and ’49, and the total number that were produced in 1950 seems small when compared to the proof mintages of the last few decades – 51,386 to be exact. But by the year 1957 the number of proof sets that were minted broke the 1 million mark. And even though there was a dip in production the next year, by 1959 the number was again in seven figures, and has stayed there ever since. That in turn means that there are plenty of proofs from which to choose, even today, and only the earliest years might be considered expensive.

Walking Liberty

Moving back farther we get to one of the most loved designs of any United States coin. Mr. Weinman's Walking Liberty image was used from 1916 to 1947, reprised in 1986 for the silver Eagle bullion coin program, and most recently re-reprised (if that's a word) in 2016 as a gold piece commemorating the centennial of its first unveiling.

Believe it or not, there are a few proofs in the Walking Liberty half dollar series. All were made between 1936 and 1942. All are far rarer than anything in the Kennedy or Franklin series, and all are going to be expensive when compared with their more common, younger siblings, with perhaps \$500 being the lowest price we can expect to find, if we're lucky. But that's no reason to not pursue them. Even a single one added to a hefty collection of Franklin and Kennedy proofs can really shine, really be the star of the show.



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some way inferior. They are indeed the best that could be produced in their day. But that doesn't mean struck up with the frosted design



elements and mirrored fields we have all come to suspect. We say this all as not a warning so much as a caution.

Any of us willing to put out the money for even one of these – and it will be at least \$1,500, even for a PF-64 grade – needs to be aware that early proof coins

are a somewhat different animal from those which have been produced later.

All together?

So, from the Kennedy half dollars on back, there are a lot of proof fifty-cent pieces from which to choose. Plenty of them are wonderfully affordable. And even the scarcer, older pieces are coins we might save up for. All the best to all of us who take this plunge! 🐼

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A Fractional Currency Show-Off

By: C. John Ferreri

Collectors like to save a special item in their collection to present in a show-and-tell session with their coin club peers. The more unusual the coin or piece of paper money is, the greater impact it will make on the club members. Error coins or paper money have high eye-appeal and a sword made of Japanese coins is certain to bring the room to a quiet halt. I recall when one club's meeting night featured the theme, "heavy metal". The members brought in something from their collection that was metal and weighed a lot. That night we got to view many unusual pieces that normally were too heavy to travel with. We saw a beautiful Swiss Shooting Collar made of many of the largest old Swiss silver coins linked together in the shape of a collar that could be worn around the neck. A different member brought in several pieces of Plate Money made in Sweden 300-400 years ago. Another brought in a selection of copper and steel paper money printing plates of the 1800's. Others brought in very large copper, bronze and silver medals. Seeing and hearing something about items as large and heavy as those was quite the treat!

When it comes to U.S. paper money, the smallest of the issues has one of the largest and most unusual configurations available and produced by the government of all coins and paper money issues! I am speaking of the U. S. Fractional Currency Shield, easily a "10" on the "Show-Off" scale!

The shields were produced in 1866-67 to be sold to banks and post offices where they could be hung and easily viewed by bank personnel in order to compare the genuine notes in the frame with the suspect notes that might have come in at the teller's cage. The idea seemed reasonable but not many of the banks bought in with it. Even though the Treasury only charged close to face value for the shields, not many sold. Much of the excess production was stored in the treasury department basement where most all sustained some accidental water damage.

The shields were made by pasting certain specimen examples of U.S. Fractional Currency printed on one side only in their proper positions on a thick cardboard on which the shield design was engraved. Three types of shields were produced with pink, green or grey backgrounds. Most surviving examples are of the gray color. It is estimated that only about 200-400 gray shields exist today and much less of the other colors.



Many of the specimen notes on the shield will bear the watermark, "CSA". Yes, that stands for "Confederate States of America". It seems that at the time during the Civil War, the Confederacy was buying banknote paper from a source in England and it was being shipped to America on a blockade runner ship named "Bermuda". That ship was captured by a rival American ship and the cargo found its way to the U.S. Treasury Dept and was eventually used for the small notes that were applied to these shields. That is how the U.S. managed to print U.S. paper money with a Confederate States, "CSA" watermark. Even though the watermarks are on the notes in the shield it is much easier to notice them on individual notes that may more easily be turned to the light for observation.

A well preserved Fractional Currency Shield with its notes of multiple colors will certainly attract the attention it deserves be it at a club meeting or just hanging on the wall of your study. People will be drawn to it for close up observance. It quietly begs to be closely observed as any good show-off would!

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Club Meetings

Berkshire Coin Club, Meets at the Berkshire Museum, 39 South St., Pittsfield MA. on the fourth Sunday of the month at 2 P.M. September-May. For information (413) 499-1400

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Boston Numismatic Society, Trinity Church, 730 Main St., Waltham, MA. Meetings second Tuesday, Sept. - June, 7:30 P.M. For information call 617 244-1972 (Colony Coin) or e-mail to bosnumsoc@yahoo.com

Central Connecticut Coin Club, South Windsor Public Library, Sullivan Ave., South Windsor, CT. Meetings every month on the first Tuesday. For information: Gene Forte (860) 290-1522

Collectors Club of Boston: Meetings fourth Tuesday, Sept.-June, 7:30 P.M. Trinity Church, 730 Main St., Waltham, MA. For information (781) 938-8167 or email williamharkins@comcast.net.

Currency Club of New England: Trinity Church, 730 Main St., Waltham, MA; Meetings all at 7:30 P.M. the first Monday, Oct.-June, except for September the second Monday of the month. For information Kevin Lafond, P.O. Box 4724, Portsmouth, NH 03802-4724, email kglafond@comcast.net or phone (603) 498-2042

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Coin Club of Greater New Bedford: Meetings fourth Tuesday, 6 P.M. at the Acushnet Public Library, 232 Middle Rd., Acushnet, MA 02743 For information Patrick Curran, President, P.O. Box 2991, New Bedford, MA 02741. Shows on 5th Sundays at VFW Poirier Post 3260, 281 Appleton St., New Bedford, MA or visit us on the web at www.ccgncb.com

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Nashua Coin Club, Nashua Public Library, 2 Court Street, Nashua, NH. Meetings second Wednesday 7 P.M., except October. www.nashuacoinclub.org

Newport County Coin Club, Meetings the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 P.M. at the 2nd floor conference room, Stop & Shop, 199 Connell Highway, 401-845-2220, (Near Wal-Mart), Newport RI. For information contact Carlton Johnson email: Carltonrj@aol.com

Sterling Coin Club. Meetings the 1st Friday of every month at 6:30PM. Sterling Town Hall, Main St. (Rte 62) Sterling, MA. For info contact tbavosi@HrsRevCycle.com

Oxford Nipmuc Coin Club, Meetings the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Oxford senior Center, 323 Main St., Oxford, MA. For info lisirichard15@Yahoo.com

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Southbridge Coin & Stamp Club, Sturbridge Coffee House, 407B Main St., Sturbridge, MA. Meetings at 7:30PM on the third Friday of each month, For info contact Mark gluemark@gmail.com

Stoneham Coin Club, Bearhill Nursing Center, 11 North St., Stoneham, MA 02180. Meetings the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7P.M.

West Springfield Coin Club, Church of the Good Sheperd, Elm Street, West Springfield, MA. Meetings second Sunday, September - June, 7 P.M.

Worcester County Numismatic Society, St Joseph's Hall, 8 Central St., Auburn, MA. Meetings second Friday, September - June, 7:00 P.M. Doors open 6 pm. YN meeting @ 6:15. For information: Mike Simpson at 508-667-9968 or WCNS, PO Box 1079, Douglas, MA 01516 or www.worcestercoinclub.org

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